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Central Ohio Technical College Scholarship and Financial Aid Odds and Ends

1. **What is the admission application priority date by which a student needs to apply to COTC to be scholarship eligible?**
   Being admitted as a new student by January 1 and submitting an official high school transcript gives a student priority consideration for scholarships. Scholarships are awarded until funds are exhausted. COTC makes it easy to find and apply for scholarships with AwardSpring. https://cotc.awardspring.com/ AwardSpring uses self-reported information to match applicants with relevant scholarship opportunities. The deadline for special eligibility scholarships (those requiring additional steps such as submitting an essay) in AwardSpring is March 1. The general application for all other scholarships will remain open until early December although scholarships are awarded until funds are exhausted.

2. **Is the priority date to apply to COTC for scholarship consideration flexible? Meaning, if a student applies in March, having missed the priority date, will they still be considered for scholarships?**
   Being admitted prior to March and submitting an official high school transcript is highly recommended. However, awarding can continue throughout the year so ensuring a transcript is on file and submitting an application in AwardSpring will improve a student's opportunity to receive a scholarship.

3. **Is there a GPA below which a student will NOT be considered for scholarships?**
   Typically, a 3.0 GPA and under will not be considered for scholarships. Some need-based (determined by the results of the FAFSA) scholarships are awarded to students with a GPA below a 3.0.

4. **Is there an ACT score below which a student will NOT be considered for scholarships?**
   COTC does not use ACT scores for the awarding of any scholarships.

5. **What is the FAFSA priority date?**
   The FAFSA priority date is February 1.

6. **Is the FAFSA priority date flexible? If a student submits the FAFSA in April, having missed the priority date, will they still be considered for scholarships and need-based aid?**
   If a student submits their FAFSA by February 1 and has need, he/she is considered for the best aid package possible. Typically, after February 1, institutional need-based funds have been exhausted. Also, institutional need-based scholarships are awarded first to students with a FAFSA on file by February 1 and then after that date, in dated order, until funds are exhausted. Students filing their FAFSA after February 1 may still be eligible for *federal* need-based funds. For the **best possible financial aid package**, students should file the FAFSA by the priority date.

   Students selected for verification should submit all required documents by the suggested date for aid to be in place in time for fee payment. Students should monitor their COTC email for verification requests and deadlines. The deadline for submitting verification documents for autumn semester is typically mid-July.

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Ohio State University Newark Scholarship and Financial Aid Odds and Ends

1. **What is the admission application priority date by which a student needs to apply to Ohio State University Newark to be scholarship eligible?**

   Incoming freshmen that have applied by January 1 may be eligible to apply for a $4000 merit scholarship. To qualify, students must meet the following criteria: have a 3.6 GPA and successful completion of at least two Advanced (AP) and two College Credit Plus (CCP) courses. Eligible students will be invited to apply. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as funding is limited.

   For other Newark Campus scholarships, priority consideration is given to students who have applied for admission, submitted the FAFSA and completed the Ohio State University at Newark General Scholarship Application in Scholarship Universe at **go.osu.edu/ScholarshipUniverse** by February 1. Scholarships requiring additional criteria, such as an essay, will be available in Scholarship Universe after January 1 and will remain open until March 1.

   In addition, Scholarship Universe is a scholarship-matching tool used for internal scholarships awarded by the Columbus Campus for regional campus students as well as for external scholarship opportunities. Applications for internal scholarships must be completed by February 1

2. **Is the priority date to apply to OSU Newark for scholarship consideration flexible? Meaning, if a student applies in March, having missed the priority date, will they still be considered for scholarships?**
   Yes, students will be considered as funds remain available as long as they complete the Ohio State University at Newark General Scholarship Application in Scholarship Universe.

3. **Is there a GPA below which a student will NOT be considered for scholarships?**
   There is not a GPA minimum for scholarship consideration; however, historically students who have above 3.60 cumulative GPA place themselves in strong contention.

4. **Is there an ACT score below which a student will NOT be considered for scholarships?**
   ACT scores are not used in the awarding of scholarships on The Newark Campus.

5. **What is the FAFSA priority date?**
   The FAFSA priority date is February 1.

6. **Is the FAFSA priority date flexible? If a student submits the FAFSA in April, having missed the priority date, will they still be considered for scholarships and need-based aid?**
   Students should file the FAFSA even if it's after February 1, as they will still be eligible for federal funds, and will also be considered for institutional funds if they have not been exhausted. For the **best possible financial aid package**, students should file the FAFSA by the priority date.

   Students selected for verification should submit all required documents by the due date for aid to be in place in time for fee payment. Students should monitor their Ohio State email for verification requests and deadlines.